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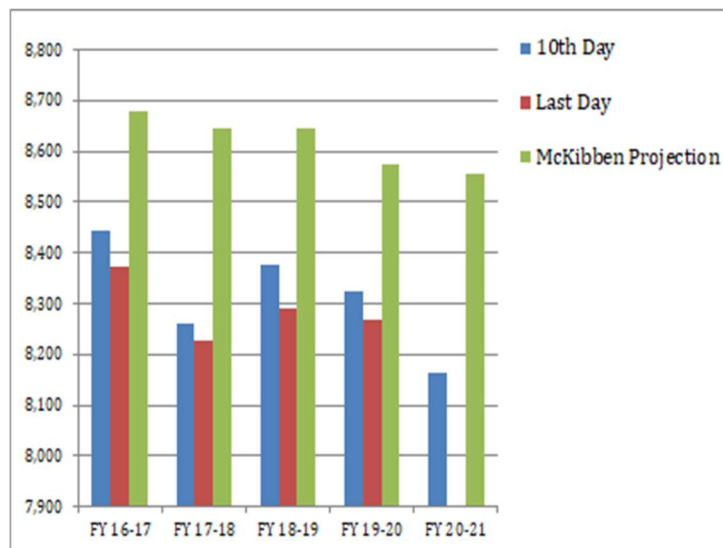
## ***School Enrollment Trending Lower than Projected***

The projected average daily student membership (ADM) from the NC Dept. of Public Instruction for Stanly County Schools this year was 8,348. The County utilized the 8,348 student projection for FY 20-21 budget planning purposes. However, the ADM figure after day 10 of the school year was 8,162. This is a difference of 186 students (-2.2%).

If the current student population is maintained during the school year, the County's FY 20-21 operational budget appropriation to the school system will have increased spending by \$41 per pupil (2.8%).

As a means of comparison the average daily membership population in September 2019 was 8,325. Thus, the student population has decreased by 163 over the same time period last year. This is a 1.96% decrease.

Below please find multi-year data associated with the ADM for the 10th day of the academic year, the last day of the year and the consultant demographers' projections for ADM back in late 2015.



## ***Tax Assessment to Sales Ratio***

The NC Department of Revenue has released the 2019-2020 assessment to sales ratios (ASRs) for each county. The ASR provides an indication as to how effectively property and buildings are assessed for tax purposes.

The goal is to have an ASR as close to 100% as possible. This indicates that on average tax assessment values match the fair market value of property and buildings of the same or similar characteristics. An ASR above 100% indicates that on average the tax assessed value exceeds the fair market value of property in that jurisdiction.

Property values in several North Carolina counties (12% or 1 out of 8) exceed the fair market value (as determined by actual sales data).

Conversely, an ASR below 100% indicates that on average the tax assessed values are below the current fair market value of the property.

Stanly County's assessment to sales ratio (as of January 1, 2019) was 84.41%. Stanly County's ratio decreased from 87.66% in January 2019 due to the increase in homes sales and sale prices over the past 12 months.

Given the sales to assessment ratio is less than 100% of fair market value, Stanly County's effective tax rate is \$0.5656 cents per \$100 valuation ( $\$0.67 \times .8441$ ).

In the twelve (12) county Charlotte region, seven (7) counties have effective tax rates higher than Stanly County and four (4) have lower effective tax rates.

The average effective tax rate in the Charlotte region is \$0.6134 and the median rate is \$0.5990 both of which are higher than the current Stanly County effective tax rate of \$0.5656.

Stanly County's next property revaluation is set for January 1, 2021.